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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Proposed Information Collection; National Capital Region Application for Public Gathering

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service, NPS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2017. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive (MS-242), Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or madonna_baucum@nps.gov (email). Please include "1024-0021" in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Robbin Owen, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 900 Ohio Drive, SW., Washington, DC 20024 (mail) or at 202-245-4715 (telephone); or Marisa Richardson via email at Marisa_Richardson@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. ABSTRACT

The Division of Permits Management of the National Mall and Memorial Parks issues permits for public gatherings (special events and demonstrations) held on NPS property within the National Capital Region. Regulations at 36 CFR 7.96(g) govern permits for public gatherings and implement statutory mandates to provide for resource protection and public enjoyment. These regulations reflect the special demands on many of the urban National Capital Region parks as sites for demonstrations and special events. A special event is any presentation, program, or display that is recreational, entertaining, or celebratory in nature; e.g., sports events, pageants, celebrations, historical reenactments, regattas, entertainments, exhibitions, parades, fairs, festivals and similar events. The term “demonstration” includes demonstrations, picketing, speechmaking, marching, holding vigils or religious services and all other like forms of conduct that involve the communication or expression of views or grievances.

Those who want to hold a special event or demonstration must complete NPS Form 10-941, “Application for a Permit to Conduct a Demonstration or Special Event in Park Areas” (which also includes a “Waiver of Numerical Limitations on Demonstrations for White House Sidewalk and/or Lafayette Park”). NPS Form 10-941 collects information on:

- Sponsor (name, address, telephone and fax numbers, email address, website address).
- Type of permit requested.
- Logistics (dates/times, location, purpose, plans, and equipment for proposed activity).
- Potential civil disobedience and traffic control issues.
- Circumstances that may warrant park rangers being assigned to the event.

II. DATA

OMB Control Number: 1024-0021.

Title: National Capital Region Application for Public Gathering, 36 CFR 7.96(g).

Service Form Number(s): NPS Form 10-941, "Application for a Permit to Conduct a Demonstration or Special Event in Park Areas".

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Description of Respondents: Individuals, organizations, businesses, and State, local, or tribal governments.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Activity	Total Annual Responses	Completion Time per Response (Hours)	Total Annual Burden Hours
Form 10-941, "Application for a Permit to Conduct a Demonstration or Special Event in Park Areas"			
Individuals	1,474	.5	737.00
Private Sector	184	.5	92.00
Government	92	.5	46.00
Site Plan			
Individuals	1,302	1	1,302.00
Private Sector	85	1	85.00
Government	12	1	12.00
Sign Plan			
Individuals	1,302	.5	651.00
Private Sector	85	.5	42.50
Government	12	.5	6.00
Risk Management Plan			
Individuals	1,302	1.5	1,953.00
Private Sector	85	1.5	127.50
Government	12	1.5	18.00
Administrative Documents			
Individuals	1,302	.75	976.50
Private Sector	85	.75	63.75
Government	12	.75	9.00
Totals	7,346		6,121.25

Estimated Annual Nonhour Cost Burden: The application fee of \$120.00 is submitted with each special event application to recover the cost of processing the application. There is no application fee for permits to cover first amendment activities. Of the 1,750 applications (Forms 10-941) received annually, approximately 1,160 are for special events. Therefore, the estimated annual nonhour cost burden associated with this information collection is \$139,200 (\$120 x 1,160).

III. COMMENTS

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: September 1, 2016

Madonna L. Baucum,
Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service.
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